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SEEDS OF NATIVE PLANTS

especially of the High Plains, Badlands
and Black Hills

A select list containing many new and choice items, the "wild flowers" of relatively dry and mainly prairie regions. In their native haunts these plants choose well drained soils and situations. Similar placing will insure their success in the garden. Cultural details may be noted in our plant catalog.

All seeds require steady moisture for germination. Certain Penstemons and some others are aided by months of freezing but most Great Plains seeds may be germinated freely indoors, or outdoors in spring with adequate moisture.

A few items always in demand are in short supply. Will you please name a few alternatives or specify no substitutes.

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Hardy Perennials, packet 25c except as noted:

- Agastache anethiodora**, Anise Hyssop. Tall fragrant herb, blue-purple spikes, June, on.
- Allium geyeri**. Clear light pink, 8-16", June.
- Allium textile**. Upright umbels of green ribbed white stars, 8", May.
- Anemone patens**, American Pasque. Broad stars of satiny lavender 2-4" wide, April-May.
- Aquilegia latiuscula**, red and yellow Columbine. Much like *A. canadensis*, 24".
- Artemisia frigida**. Low soft silvery green mound, arching inflorescence to 14", August.
- Asclepias tuberosa**, Orange Milkweed. Drought enduring selection, Kansas plains. 24".
- Aster conspicuus**. Rare handsome pinkish lavender, wide topped, to 20" or more. August.
- Aster meritus**. Pinkish violet in dense flat topped masses, blooming lavishly in July. 10".
- Aster ptarmicoides**. Excellent white with cream center, July-August, 10-14". Shade or sun.
- Astragalus crassicaupus**, Buffalo Pea. Pinkish blossoms, trailing stems, bright plumlike fruits.
- Astragalus goniatus**. Charming purple bonnets at 4", ground cover, spreading from roots.
- Camassia scilloides**, Blue Camas. Tall light blue spires from a one inch bulb. May.
- Callirhoe involucrata**, Poppy Mallow. 1½" cups in deep wine red, long season. Trailing stems, 24".
- Campanula petiolata**. Western, larger more floriferous Harebell. 6-18". June-July.
- Chrysopsis villosa**, Golden Aster. Scintillating all gold masses, September. Grayish 12" plant.
- Clematis scotti**, Leather Flower. Blue or pink urns, 10" glaucous plant. May.
- Clematis tenuiloba**. Atragene type, thrilling nodding wide flaring purple. 8-10", June. 50c.
- Crepis occidentalis**. Bright yellow clustered daisies, to 10", June. Nice effect.
- Dalea enneandra**. Slender daintily foliaged stems to 28", silver and white slender racemes. July.
- Delphinium menziesi**. Blue to purple velvety stars on 12" branching plant. June, summer dormant.
- Drymocallis fissa**. Butter-yellow clusters of small single roses, May-June. 10-12".
- Echinacea angustifolia**. Bold pink daisies, mahogany centered, 10-16", July. Splendid show.
- Erigeron macranthus**. Inch wide blue and gold in masses. 14-18", August.
- Erigeron montanensis**. Freely borne little daisies in white and gold, June and later, 5-7".
- Erigeron scribneri**. Most charming and gay rock daisy in white and gold, June. 4-5".
- Gutierrezia sarothrae**, Golden Dome. Vivid green rounded bushlets, turning to gold, Sept. 12".
- Hedeoma camporum**, Pennyroyal. Little lavender mint flowers in long season. Fine fragrance. 8".
- Hymenoxys richardsoni**. New. Numerous yellow daisies to 7-8", June-July. Foliage green.
- Ipomoea leptophylla**, Big-root Bush Morning-glory. Large bush, fine purple-red trumpets.
- Iris missouriensis**. Slender foliage, silvery blue flowers, 10-16", late June. Delightful.
- Lathyrus incanus**, Sand Pea. Large purple-rose pea blossom clusters. 4-8" glaucous plant. May.
- Lewisia rediviva**, Bitter-Root. Glorious carmine pink, 3" blossoms at the ground, June.
- Lesquerella spatulata**, Bladder-Pod. Choicest small northern yellow crucifer. 5", June.

- Liatris ligulistylis**, Blazing Star. Inch wide heads of fine rose-purple. 12-20". July.
- Liatris punctata**, Dwarf Gayfeather. Small heads closely set in spikes. Purple, 14", August.
- Linum lewisii**, Wild Blue Flax. Dainty morning blossoms of light blue. 16". Long season.
- ~~**Mertensia lanceolata**~~, Prairie Bluebell. Handsome rock garden species. 10", May-June. 50c.
- Mirabilis multiflora**, Four-o'clock. Long season, magenta-purple. To 15", spread 30" or more.
- Nemastylis acuta**, Prairie Irid. Thrilling light blue cupped blossoms, 8-10", June. Bulb. 50c.
- Nothocalais cuspidata**. 2" wide double daisies of shining gold, from the ground. 2-8", Apr.-May.
- Nuttallia decapetala**, Evening Star. 10-pointed, 4" creamy stars. To 28". Usually biennial.
- Nuttallia stricta**. Perennial. Creamy stars 2" or more wide. 24". Long, late season.
- Oenothera brachycarpa**. 4" primrose yellow inverted parachutes. Night blooming. To 6".
- Oe. caespitosa**, Gumbo Lily. 3 to 4", white, fragrant. To 5". Long season like all *Oenotheras*.
- Oe. fremonti**. Marvelous large light primrose yellow, to 5". Narrow silvery leaves. 50c.
- Oe. missouriensis incana**. Large yellow. Stems well erect, to 10", leaves broad, grayish.
- Oe. oklahomensis**. Dozens of large yellow blossoms all summer. Wide plant, to 16" high.
- Oxytropis lamberti**, Purple Loco. Showy purple-red spires to 12", June. Silvery pinnate leaves.
- Penstemon albidus**. Large flowered white, June.
- P. angustifolius**. Melting deep azure, 12", June. Wide closely packed spires, large flowered.
- P. angustifolius**, very select albino. 35c.
- P. crandalli** var. *glabrescens* and var. *taosensis*. Identical bushlets, 5", one greener, other gray. Winning racemes of blue, unlike *crandalli*. 35c.
- P. eriantherus**. Large flowered warm lavender.
- P. glaber**. Deep blue, large flowered, July, 18-24". Often reblooming. Foliage dark.
- P. glaber**. A happy new break to pink. Lower.
- P. gracilis**. Lavender or amethyst, graceful small flowered kind of easy culture.
- P. grandiflorus**. Very large, rich lavender, June, to 30" or more. Glaucous spoonlike leaves.
- P. grandiflorus**, albino, a treasure among white flowers. 20% or more true.
- P. nitidus**. Brilliant blue, large, May. Select dwarf strain, usually 8-10". Glaucous plant.
- P. nitidus**, beautiful pink break. 35c.
- P. secundiflorus**. Fine large reddish lavender, to 18". Arching stems, glaucous.
- P. strictus**. Moderately tall, slender, fine blue.
- Penstemon Viehmeyer hybrid**. *Grandiflorus* type in rose pink. Very nice.
- Psoralea esculenta**, Indian Turnip or Pomme Blanche. Mauve peas aging to buff. 8-10".
- Ptilocalais nutans**. Chicory type heads in yellow, long spring season, dainty, to 10".
- Ruellia ciliosa**. Inch and a half bright lavender petunia in long, season. Branching, to 10".
- Sedum stenopetalum**. July blossoms that glow like small golden fires. Inconspicuous plant. 5".
- Sisyrinchium campestre**. A very lovely one of the grass flowers. Either white or light blue. 8".
- Solidago pallida**, Plume Goldenrod. Light gold, fragrant, beautiful, non-spreading. 16". Sept.
- Stenotus armerioides**. Wide crown of glossy green at the ground, crowded yellow daisies, June. 50c.

Thermopsis rhombifolia, Golden Pea. Broad spikes of bright blossoms, May. 10".

Townsendia exscapa, Easter Daisy. Large stemless pink daisies on a bun of narrow leaves. 2".

Townsendia hookeri (sericea.) Smaller, earlier, lower, grayer, April. Rare pink form. 50c.

Verbena bipinnatifida. Continuous show, bright lilac blue, May-October. By June from seed.

Viola adunca. Willing little fellow in deep blue.

V. jooi. A pinkish foreigner that makes a great show, blossoms well above dark glossy leaves.

V. nuttalli. The brilliant yellow one of the sun drenched prairies. Long season. For poor soil.

~~**V. vallicola**~~. Closely resembling nuttalli. For moister richer situation.

Yucca glauca. Northernmost yucca, bayonet leaves to 20", creamy or greenish white lilies to 36".

Yucca glauca. Selected form with reddish outer flower segments. Distinct, beautiful. 50c.

Hardy Cacti, at 25c the packet

Coryphantha vivipara. Ball, to 3" or more, carmine flowers on top, June.

C. vivipara aggregata. Similar, forms clusters.

Echinocereus reichenbachii. Barrel, to 4-5", well clothed with short spines. Reddish lavender.

Neobesseya missouriensis. Ball, to 2" or more, yellow blossoms on top, May. Bright red fruits.

Opuntia aurea. Beaver-tail type, spineless prickly pear, with luminous rich yellow blossoms.

O. compressa. Small bladed almost spineless form. Free flowering yellow, 4". Red pears.

~~**O. fragilis**~~. Midget prickly pear, 2-4", with glossy blossoms 2" or more wide. June.

O. humifusa. Large flowered kind with red based yellow petals. Late June.

O. phaeacantha. Very large pads, 5-6" or more, medium sized yellow flowers. Hardy, 8-10".

O. phaeacantha. Stunning selection with flowers of oldrose-scarlet. 50c.

O. polyacantha. Very spiny kind, large flowered, average yellow color. Height 4-5".

O. polyacantha. Outstanding separate colors, orange, lemon, carmine, chartreuse. 35c each.

O. rutila. Medium sized carmine blossoms. Narrow pads. To 5". Rapid grower. Nice show.

~~**O. rhodantha**~~. A spiny form with fine carmine flowers. Height 4-5".

O. rutila. Medium sized carmine blossoms, narrow pads. To 5". Rapid grower. Nice show.

O. "Desert Splendor". Finest brilliant carmine. To 5". Sometimes injured by frost. (Hybrid?)

Sclerocactus whipplei. Barrel, to 7-8". Circle of showy purplish blossoms on crown.

Hardy Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet

Atriplex canescens, Salt Bush. Sagey appearing plant of long season gray-green. To 30".

Chrysothamnus graveolens, Rabbit Brush. To 36". Ablaze with goldenrodlike bloom, September.

Rosa arkansana 'J. W. Fargo.' Very lovely double pink wild rose. 14". Mostly double from seed.

Sarcobatus vermiculatus, Greasewood. Spiny desert type, 30-48". Slightly glaucous, green.